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SUBJECT: GAO INQUIRY ABOUT UNDP AND WFP PROJECTS IN MOROCCO

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1. SUGGEST THAT APPROACH TO ROME AGENCIES ABOUT RABAT INQUIRY, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOW-UP TO GAO VISITS TO ROME AND OTHER POSTS BE DEFERRED UNTIL VISIT OF GAO TEAM TO ROME SEPTEMBER 6. WE NOTE THAT MOFFITT WILL COME FIRST TO COME AND THEN GO TO RABAT.

2. ALSO SUGGEST THAT IN INTEREST OF UNIFORMITY OF HANDLING OF GAO INQUIRY, RABAT BE INFORMED THAT GENEVA INTENDS TO HANDLE GAO INQUIRY ON BASIS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH MISSION STAFF WITHOUT INTERVIEWS WITH GENEVA SECRETARIATS (GENEVA 6749) AND THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE INTENDS TO FOLLOW SAME PATTERN GENERALLY IN ROME, TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION OF SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE'S INQUIRIES, THE MOST INTENSIVE OF WHICH WAS CONCLUDED ON AUGUST 20, AND TO REDUCE BURDEN ON FAO STAFF. IT WOULD SEEM DESIRABLE THAT RABAT FOLLOW SIMILAR PATTERN, AND
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HANDLE AS MUCH OF GAO'S INQUIRIES WITH ITS OWN STAFF AS POS-

SIBLE, WITHOUT IMPOSING ON INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. RABAT SHOULD ALSO NOTE REQUIREMENT (REFTEL, PARA 4) THAT EMBASSY OFFICER BE PRESENT IN ALL INTERVIEWS.

3. ALTHOUGH FAO IS THE EXECUTING AGENCY FOR UNDP AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS, AND THE UNDP-FAO RELATIONSHIP IN THE FIELD HAS RECENTLY COME INTO QUESTIONS, WE SUGGEST THAT QUESTION OF CONSULTING WITH FAO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE AT LEAST UNTIL GAO TEAM ARRIVES IN ROME. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OFFICIALS AT THAT TIME (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AD INTERIM TOM ROBINSON WILL HAVE RETURNED BY THEN), BUT WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID FORMAL CONSULTATION WITH FAO, IF POSSIBLE.

4. IN NOTING INTENDED EMPHASIS ON UNDP AND WFP REVIEW IN MOROCCO, WE TRUST GAO TEAM IS AWARE THAT WFP NO LONGER HAS A RESIDENT ADVISER IN MOROCCO.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PREVIOUS GAO REPORTS ON MOROCCO, AS WELL AS REPORTS CITED BY GENEVA (GENEVA'S 6749). BEAUDRY

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